

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Robert A. Luciano, Jr. <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Flores Sanchez, Omar
Application No.:	09/419,748	Group Art Unit:	3724
Filing Date:	October 16, 1999	Confirmation No.	1734
		Docket No.	10407-1031
Title:	PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM	Customer No.	30076

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.181

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of the Examiner's holding of abandonment for failure to respond to an Office Action mailed on February 13, 2002.

From review of the record, on February 13, 2002, the Examiner mailed an office action to the Applicants' representative, Ian Burns and Associates. On August 13, 2002, the Applicants' representative submitted a response to the office action via facsimile with a three-month extension of time. The facsimile was successfully transmitted on August 13, 2002. A copy of the facsimile transmission report showing that a 14-page facsimile was sent to (703) 746-3290 is included with this petition and is marked as **EXHIBIT 1**. Additionally, a copy of the 14-page facsimile is included as **EXHIBIT 2**. However, Examiner Flores-Sanchez apparently did not receive the response to the office action.

On August 11, 2004, Applicants' representative re-sent the response to the office action to Mr. Steve Marcus pursuant to instructions from Examiner Flores-Sanchez. A copy of the transmission report showing that the second facsimile was successfully sent to Mr. Marcus of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached as **EXHIBIT 3**. The facsimile transmission to Mr. Marcus is included in this petition as **EXHIBIT 4**.

The prosecution of this application was transferred to the firm of Brown, Raysman, Millstein, Felder, and Steiner LLP. A revocation of Power of Attorney with a new Power of Attorney was sent to the U.S. Patent Office on October 21, 2005. On Sunday, May 14, 2006, Examiner Flores-Sanchez left a telephonic message for the undersigned at 2:22 p.m. PST checking the status of the case. In the Examiner's message, Examiner Flores-Sanchez stated that no official response has been received to date. Applicants' representative left a telephonic message for the Examiner on May 15, 2006. On May 18, 2006, a notice of abandonment was sent to the Applicants' representative. After reviewing the file history, the Applicants' representative is submitting this petition requesting the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Based upon the facts available to the Applicants' representative, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3), Applicants' representative respectfully submits that a timely response to the Office Action of February 13, 2002 was transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 13, 2002. Furthermore, a subsequent re-transmission of the response of August 13, 2002 was sent via facsimile to the U.S. Patent Office on August 11, 2004.

Accordingly, Applicants' representative respectfully submits that the response was timely filed and was not entered due to Patent Office error. Thus, the Applicants' representative respectfully requests the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181. Furthermore, Applicants' representative submit that this petition is timely filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(f) since this petition is filed within two months of the mail date, May 18, 2006, of the notice of abandonment.


No fee is believed to be due with this paper. However, if Applicants are mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees from Deposit Account No. 502811, Deposit Account Name BROWN RAYSMAN MILLSTEIN FELDER & STEINER LLP.

Should the Petitions Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Petitions Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8300. The undersigned

attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 5, 2006



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
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2. A Version With Markings Showing Changes Made (3 pages).
3. A Petition for Extension of Time (1 page).
4. A Fee Transmittal (1 page).
5. A Transmittal Letter (1 page).

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AMENDMENT E

In response to the office action mailed on February 13, 2002, Applicants submit this
Amendment E.

In the claims

Please amend claims 1, 20, and 25 as follows:

1. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of
media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

- (A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the
strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance
on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;
and

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

5 wherein the tear bar is formed from an integrally formed member having a substantially semi-circular lateral cross-section, the integrally formed member further having a center portion between the first side portion and the second side portion, the center portion having a diameter less than the first side portion and the second side portion, and wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

10 20. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

15 (B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

20 (C) a center portion between the first side portion and the second portion, the center portion having a diameter less than the first side portion and the second side portion,

wherein the tear bar remains in a fixed position during feeding and separation of the strip of media, wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

25. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

(C) a center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion having a diameter less than the diameter of the first side portion and the diameter of the second side portion, the center portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media.

REMARKS

Office Action

Claims 1, 5-7, and 19-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 19-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Michalovic. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michalovic in view of Ishii et al. et al.

Interview

Applicants sincerely appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Omar Flores-Sanchez during a telephone interview conducted on July 12, 2002. During the interview,

- 5 Examiner Sanchez indicated that he has reviewed, with his Primary, Applicants' proposed amendment sent by facsimile on July 1, 2002 and that the claim amendments appear to advance the application for allowance.

Amendment

- 10 By this Amendment E, independent claims 1, 20, and 25 have been amended to include a tear bar comprising a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. Applicants submit that claims 1, 20, and 25 are not anticipated by Michalovic.

- As stated by the Federal Circuit: Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the
15 claim. *Lindermann Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Co.*, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

- Applicants submit that Michalovic does not disclose a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. Thus, Michalovic does not disclose each and every element of the claimed invention. Withdrawal of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection over independent
20 claims 1, 20, and 25 and their respective dependent claims- 5-7, 19, 21-24, and 26-29 is respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 and 3, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 3 are patentable over Michalovic in view of Ishii et al. for the following reasons.

The cited references, even when improperly combined, do not teach or suggest all the claim

limitations.

MPEP §2143 states that the prior art reference or references when combined must also teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See also *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981. Notwithstanding the Applicants' arguments against improper combination of references, Applicants submit that even if the cited references were combined, the cited references do not teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

As already discussed under the applicants' arguments relating to 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection, Michalovic does not disclose, teach, or suggest a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. See also Figure 2 of Michalovic. With regard to Ishii et al., the reference discloses a cutting roller having an axle and a surface having three edges surrounding the length of the axle. Two edges are positioned on the sides and have a smaller diameter than an edge positioned in the center.

In sum, the Office has not presented a combination of references that disclose each and every element of claims 2 and 3, as required by a large body of law. Withdrawal of the 35 USC 103(a) rejections on claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

The combination of Michalovic and Ishii et al. is improper.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. MPEP §2143,

- 5 See also In re Rouffet, 149 F.3d 1350, 1357. The applicant submits that the Office has not established a prima facie case of obviousness because there is no suggestion or motivation to combine Michalovic and Ishii et al. as discussed below.

Michalovic teaches using a tear surface having a uniform diameter, whereas Ishii et al. teaches using a tear surface having varying diameters.

- 10 Michalovic is an apparatus for dispensing linerless labels with adhesives. As such, Michalovic states that sticking of labels to dispensing apparatus components is a significant problem. See column 1, lines 28-34. If the dispensing apparatus has a tear surface of varying diameter, the labels have more tendency to stick to the uneven tear surface than a dispensing
15 apparatus with uniform tear surface, making it difficult and expensive to dispense labels.

Additionally, Michalovic states “where blades or like components are used as a force concentrating structure to facilitate tearing of labels along the perforation lines, the concentrating structures must be cleaned often to prevent build up of adhesive.” Column 1, lines 33-37.

- 20 In contrast, Ishii et al. provides an apparatus for issuing a ticket with a cutting roller that creates diamond-shaped openings in the center of the perforations on media. The diamond-shaped openings are specifically created by a plurality of edges having variable diameters on the axle of the roller. The diamond-shaped openings allow tickets to be cut clearly without leaving

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any scraps, which may cause apparatus jam and may cause a customer to question the authenticity of a ticket. The objects of Ishii et al.'s invention are to prevent apparatus from jamming and to provide a high quality ticket cut with precision from a ticket sheet. See column 2, lines 4-9.

5 In sum, there is no suggestion or motivation, either in Ishii et al. or in Michalovic or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify or to combine reference teachings of Ishii et al. and Michalovic. Withdrawal of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections based on the combination of Ishii et al. and Michalovic is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the claims above have not been made to overcome the rejections.

10 The applicant believes that the original claims are patentable over the cited reference. The applicant makes amendments to obtain allowance of the application, considering the length of time the prosecution of this application has already taken.

CONCLUSION

15 For all of the above reasons, the applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Rolando J. Tong, at (775) 826-6160.

20 Respectfully submitted,



25 Rolando J. Tong, Attorney for Applicant(s)
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

1. (Thrice Amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;
and

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

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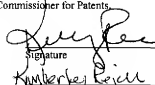
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20. (Twice Amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

[and]

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

(C) a center portion between the first side portion and the second portion, the center portion having a diameter less than the first side portion and the second side portion,

wherein the tear bar remains in a fixed position during feeding and separation of the strip of media, wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

25. (Once amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

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
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109	78	209	39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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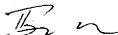
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AMENDMENT E

In response to the office action mailed on February 13, 2002, Applicants submit this
Amendment E.

In the claims

Please amend claims 1, 20, and 25 as follows:

1. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of
media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

- (A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the
strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance
on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;
and

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

5 wherein the tear bar is formed from an integrally formed member having a substantially semi-circular lateral cross-section, the integrally formed member further having a center portion between the first side portion and the second side portion, the center portion having a diameter less than the first side portion and the second side portion, and wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

10 20. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

15 (B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

20 (C) a center portion between the first side portion and the second portion, the center portion having a diameter less than the first side portion and the second side portion,

wherein the tear bar remains in a fixed position during feeding and separation of the strip of media, wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

25. A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

(C) a center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion having a diameter less than the diameter of the first side portion and the diameter of the second side portion, the center portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media.

REMARKS

Office Action

Claims 1, 5-7, and 19-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 19-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Michalovic. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michalovic in view of Ishii et al. et al.

Interview

Applicants sincerely appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Omar Flores-Sanchez during a telephone interview conducted on July 12, 2002. During the interview,

- 5 Examiner Sanchez indicated that he has reviewed, with his Primary, Applicants' proposed amendment sent by facsimile on July 1, 2002 and that the claim amendments appear to advance the application for allowance.

Amendment

- 10 By this Amendment E, independent claims 1, 20, and 25 have been amended to include a tear bar comprising a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. Applicants submit that claims 1, 20, and 25 are not anticipated by Michalovic.

- As stated by the Federal Circuit: Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the
15 claim. *Lindermann Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Co.*, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

- Applicants submit that Michalovic does not disclose a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. Thus, Michalovic does not disclose each and every element of the claimed invention. Withdrawal of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection over independent
20 claims 1, 20, and 25 and their respective dependent claims- 5-7, 19, 21-24, and 26-29 is respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 2 and 3, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 3 are patentable over Michalovic in view of Ishii et al. for the following reasons.

The cited references, even when improperly combined, do not teach or suggest all the claim

5 limitations.

MPEP §2143 states that the prior art reference or references when combined must also teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See also *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981. Notwithstanding the Applicants' arguments against improper combination of references, Applicants submit that even if the cited references were combined, the cited references do not teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

As already discussed under the applicants' arguments relating to 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection, Michalovic does not disclose, teach, or suggest a center portion having a diameter less than the first and second side portion. See also Figure 2 of Michalovic. With regard to Ishii et al., the reference discloses a cutting roller having an axle and a surface having three edges surrounding the length of the axle. Two edges are positioned on the sides and have a smaller diameter than an edge positioned in the center.

In sum, the Office has not presented a combination of references that disclose each and every element of claims 2 and 3, as required by a large body of law. Withdrawal of the 35 USC 103(a) rejections on claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

The combination of Michalovic and Ishii et al. is improper.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. MPEP §2143,

- 5 See also In re Rouffet, 149 F.3d 1350, 1357. The applicant submits that the Office has not established a prima facie case of obviousness because there is no suggestion or motivation to combine Michalovic and Ishii et al. as discussed below.

Michalovic teaches using a tear surface having a uniform diameter, whereas Ishii et al. teaches using a tear surface having varying diameters.

- 10 Michalovic is an apparatus for dispensing linerless labels with adhesives. As such, Michalovic states that sticking of labels to dispensing apparatus components is a significant problem. See column 1, lines 28-34. If the dispensing apparatus has a tear surface of varying diameter, the labels have more tendency to stick to the uneven tear surface than a dispensing
15 apparatus with uniform tear surface, making it difficult and expensive to dispense labels.

Additionally, Michalovic states “where blades or like components are used as a force concentrating structure to facilitate tearing of labels along the perforation lines, the concentrating structures must be cleaned often to prevent build up of adhesive.” Column 1, lines 33-37.

- 20 In contrast, Ishii et al. provides an apparatus for issuing a ticket with a cutting roller that creates diamond-shaped openings in the center of the perforations on media. The diamond-shaped openings are specifically created by a plurality of edges having variable diameters on the axle of the roller. The diamond-shaped openings allow tickets to be cut clearly without leaving

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any scraps, which may cause apparatus jam and may cause a customer to question the authenticity of a ticket. The objects of Ishii et al.'s invention are to prevent apparatus from jamming and to provide a high quality ticket cut with precision from a ticket sheet. See column 2, lines 4-9.

In sum, there is no suggestion or motivation, either in Ishii et al. or in Michalovic or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify or to combine reference teachings of Ishii et al. and Michalovic. Withdrawal of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections based on the combination of Ishii et al. and Michalovic is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the claims above have not been made to overcome the rejections.

The applicant believes that the original claims are patentable over the cited reference. The applicant makes amendments to obtain allowance of the application, considering the length of time the prosecution of this application has already taken.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Rolando J. Tong, at (775) 826-6160.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

1. (Thrice Amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

- 5 (A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and
- (B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of
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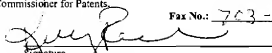
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20. (Twice Amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;
[and]

(B) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the second side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media; and

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wherein the tear bar remains in a fixed position during feeding and separation of the strip of media, wherein at least one of the first or second side portions comprises a roughened surface.

25. (Once amended) A tear bar for assisting the separation of a piece of media from a strip of media, the strip of media having a surface, a first and second side, and a center portion, the tear bar comprising:

(A) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the strip of media adjacent to the first side of the strip of media and apply resistance on the strip of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the strip of media;

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 732,400 SDG
In re Application Of Robert A. Luciano and Raymond Bryan		
Application Number 09/419,748		Filed October 16, 1999
For PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM		
Group Art Unit 3724	Examiner Flores-Sanches	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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☒ Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resuming fee is: \$ 460

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed.

☒ has already been filed in this application.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 500913 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.

☐ applicant.

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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